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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 18, 2001 (Paper No. 15), for which a response is due on October 18, 2001. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from October 18, 2001 to December 18, 2001. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

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